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A.B. Sahin et al., "Dispersion Division Multiplexing for In-Band Subcarrier-Header-Based All-Optical Packet Switching", OSA Technical Digest of OFC (Optical Fiber Communication conference) no. WO1, pp. 279-280, March 2002.

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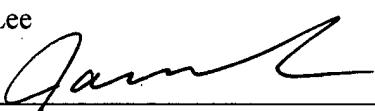
Ikushima et al., "Study on Analog Performance of Optical Devices and System Design for 10,000 ch WDM/SCM Optical Transmission System using Direct Modulation", ITE (The Institute of Image Information and Television Engineers) Journal, vol. 55, no. 10, 2001, pp. 1315-1321.

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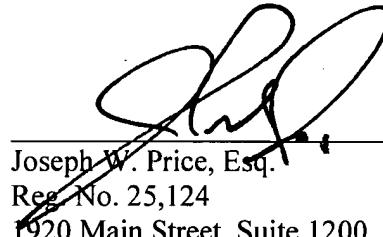


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